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## **VEHICLE PURSUIT ENDS WITH ARRESTS OF 3 CARJACKING SUSPECTS**

Just before 3:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, Shenandoah Police Sergeant Mark Brockhoeft observed a Nissan Xterra SUV disregard a red light at the IH45 service road and Tamina Road intersection, and complete an illegal right turn from the middle lane of traffic. The vehicle did the same illegal maneuvers at Tamina Road and David Memorial Drive, so Sgt. Brockhoeft initiated a traffic stop of the vehicle behind the Main Event entertainment facility.

As he walked towards the driver's door of the vehicle, the vehicle sped away from him and fled south on Oak Ridge School Road. Sgt. Brockhoeft immediately began pursuing the fleeing Xterra in his patrol vehicle while calling for additional police assistance. The driver of the Xterra failed to see a curve in the road ahead and collided into a tree on the shoulder of the roadway near Oak Ridge Elementary School. The front seat passenger, later identified as 18 year old Ja'Michael Jackson of Houston, Texas, immediately got out of the Xterra and ran south from the scene. Sgt. Brockhoeft detained the driver of the Xterra, later identified as a 16 year old juvenile of Houston, Texas at gunpoint and waited for responding police units to assist him. While giving commands to the driver, Sgt. Brockhoeft noticed a third occupant, later identified as 17 year old Leo Menifee of Houston, Texas frantically attempting to escape by breaking through the rear hatch window. Menifee then got out through the front passenger door, at which time Sgt. Brockhoeft detained him as well with the assistance of Oak Ridge North Police Sergeant Dean Straight. Menifee had suffered a large laceration to his head from impacting the windshield during the collision and Sgt. Brockhoeft and Sgt. Straight provided emergency first aid to him until Montgomery County Hospital District medics could arrive. Additional Shenandoah Police Officers, Deputies from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, and Officers with the Oak Ridge North Police Department converged on the area to look for Jackson. Shenandoah Police Officer Jeremy Thompson located Jackson hiding in some bushes near the T-Mobile store location in Oak Ridge North where he was taken into custody without incident.

Shortly after the conclusion of the pursuit, Shenandoah Police Officers were notified that the Nissan Xterra had been stolen during an armed robbery at an apartment complex on FM 1960 at around midnight. Shenandoah Police Officers also recovered a semi-automatic handgun believed to have been used in the robbery from inside the Xterra as well as the victim's stolen belongings.

All three suspects were transported to Memorial Hermann Hospital for medical evaluation before being transported to jail facilities. Menifee and Jackson are both currently being held at the Montgomery County Jail on charges of Theft of a Motor Vehicle, which is a State Jail Felony, and Evading Arrest; a class A Misdemeanor. The juvenile driver is being held at the Montgomery County Juvenile Justice Center on charges of felony Theft of a Motor Vehicle and Evading Arrest, which was enhanced from a misdemeanor to a Third Degree Felony due to his operation of a motor vehicle during his evasion and the injury sustained by Menifee during the crash. Investigators with the Harris County Sheriff's Office will be pursuing charges on all three individuals relating to the initial armed robbery.